

BIDAILE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1948.

Gentlemen, I have the honour of presenting to you my annual report for the year ending 31st December 1948.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

- (1) One Medical Officer of Health (part time).
- (2) One Sanitary Inspector (full time).
- (3) One Waterworks Manager (full time).

STATISTICS.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	43302 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1948)	...	...	...	...	...	...	6900
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	1945
Rateable value of the area	...	...	...	...	...	...	£37466
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£155-11-5.
Number of new houses completed during 1948	...	...	...	...	...	...	30

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births.	Total.	M	F	
Legitimate.	125	70	55	} Birth Rate - 19.5
Illegitimate.	10	6	4	
Stillbirths.				
Legitimate.	2	2	0	} Rate per 1000 total (live & still) birth 14.5
Illegitimate.	0	0	0	
Deaths.	69	33	36	} Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population - 10.0

Deaths from maternal causes - 2

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1000 live births	...	...	...	14.8
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live Births	...	...	...	16.0
No illegitimate infants under one year of age died during the year.				

Deaths from:-

Cancer (all ages)	9
Measles (all ages)	0
Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Laboratory facilities.

These are provided at the County Hall and render a service which is much appreciated.

(b) Ambulance services.

On July 5th these services were incorporated in the National Health Scheme. The service has been extensively used and has been a great boon to the aged and crippled who have had to attend as "out-patients" at some distant hospital.

For urgent cases there has rarely been any difficulty in obtaining an ambulance at short notice day or night.

(c) The Bedale Infant Welfare continues to serve a useful purpose and the number attending has increased since returning to its pre-war premises

(d) There has been no change in the nursing services in the area which are now totally maintained under the National Health Scheme.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

(1) Quality.

The water supply in the whole area has been very satisfactory in quality. Fifteen samples have been forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis and these were all satisfactory.

(2) Quantity.

Due to the exceptionally long drought the supply of water at the springs at Bellerby was considerably lowered but the supply was maintained to all consumers.

(3) Main extensions.

During the year the following main extensions have been completed:- Thornton Steward, Patrick Brompton and Newton-le-Willows, these extensions are affording a piped supply to all farms and dwellinghouses in these districts.

(4) Consumption.

Approximate daily consumption in Bedale district	260000	galls
Approximate daily consumption in Leyburn district	43000	galls

total:	303000	galls
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Approximate daily consumption at Leeming Aerodrome	70000	galls.
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(5) Connections.

During the year 81 connections in the Bedale District have been taken from our mains to supply private houses and farms. Particulars of the number of dwellinghouses supplied from public water mains:-

	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Standpipe.</u>		<u>Direct.</u>	<u>Standpipe.</u>
Ainderby Miers.	-	-	brought forward:	1355	91
Aiskew.	202	27	Theakston.	17	-
Bedale.	298	26	Thirn.	17	-
Burneston.	63	-	Thornton Watlass.	48	-
Burrill.	41	-	Well.	76	-
Warthorpe.	78	2	West Tanfield.	86	-
Clifton.	-	-			
Crakehall.	87	10		1599	91
East Tanfield.	10	-	Leyburn area.	65	4
Exelby, Leeming.	162	-			
Firby.	13	-		1664	95
Gatenby.	12	-		====	==
Hackforth.	38	-			
Howgrave.	3	-			
Wilderby.	9	4			
Wickby Fleetham.	113	2			
Winklington.	43	6			
Wingthorne.	13	-			
Widdow Grange.	2	2			
Widdow.	-	3			
Widnerton.	61	3			
Widnerton.	88	6			
Sutton Howgrave.	19	0			
	1355	91			

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

Cattle excluding cows.		Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs
Number killed if known.	Nil.	Nil	Nil	Nil	14245
Number Inspected.					14245
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.					6
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.					301
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.					2.15
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.					25
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned					5.11
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.					3.76

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The sewerage systems have not been altered in any way during the year. The sewers and septic tanks have been cleaned out regularly and any blockages promptly dealt with. A new septic tank has been installed on the sewer at Hackforth. Sewers have been extended at Well and Thornton Watlass to deal with the new Council houses. At Thornton Watlass the new sewer is also available to some five houses not previously sewered and one of these has already been connected. The proposed sewerage scheme for Burneston Thackston and Carthorpe is still under consideration. A scheme for Aiskew is in course of preparation and should be ready for submitting to the Council very soon.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The collection of refuse throughout the area has continued satisfactorily, though early in the year complaints were received that ashpits were not cleared frequently enough. The Council therefore decided to have the second vehicle converted into a refuse freighter, this was done and the vehicle placed in service. Since this action all refuse has been collected very regularly, all ashpits being cleared at least once in 12 weeks and there have been no further complaints. The conversion of privies to water closets is encouraged wherever possible and 29 privies have been converted during the year.

HOUSING.

Work has continued on the various Housing Schemes. Twenty four houses were completed during the year and all are occupied. A further eighteen houses were at various stages of building at the year's end. Seven schemes involving a further sixty four houses were all at various stages at the year's end though actual building had not been commenced. The largest of these schemes is one for 28 houses at South End, Bedale. Three private houses have been completed and occupied, two at Bedale and one at Pencote.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Meat.


This continues to be supplied from the abattoir at Northallerton where it is inspected before distribution. Meat inspection at the Vale of Mowbray Bacon Factory is carried out daily and every carcass is examined. During the year 14,245 pigs were slaughtered and 220 visits made to inspect the meat. Approximately 14525 lbs of meat was condemned, the main cause being tuberculosis found principally in the head. Twelve private slaughterhouses have been licensed in the area. This was necessitated by the Ministry of Food "Self-suppliers of Pigs Scheme" which required that the slaughter of home fed pigs be carried out at places recognised by the Ministry. The slaughter houses are used only for this purpose. As required by Circular 3/49 I attach the completed table as set out in Section 7 of the circular.

(2) Milk.

Most of the milk produced in the area is conveyed by road to Dairies at Leyburn and Northallerton. There are 206 registered cowsheds and dairies in the area and 52 Retail Milk Sellers. Samples are taken by the County Authority. Cowsheds and dairies are inspected from time to time and generally are found to be quite satisfactory.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) during the year 1948:-



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<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Diphtheria	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0
Measles	7	0
Pneumonia	5	3
Scarlet Fever	4	0
Whooping Cough	20	0

As the above tabulation shows, the incidence of infectious diseases has not been great and calls for no special comment.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1948.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals:	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	0

I would again like to thank Mr Jameson and Mr Dunning for their very valuable assistance throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN W. HANSELL.

Medical Officer of Health,

